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For: **PLUME DETECTOR**

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Supplemental Response After Final Under 37 CFR 1.116

This response supplements applicants' response dated 12-30-04.

The above Office Action rejection of claims 1-5, 7-9, 11 & 13-16, as obvious under 35 USC 103 (a) over Hill, Jr. et al. ('285) herein Hill, in view of Hertel et al. ('531), herein "Hertel" is again respectfully traversed.

The Hertel patent is cited to add a lock-in amplifier to the teachings of Hill in a 103 (a) rejection of applicants' listed above claims by the above Office Action.

However, the Hertel patent is believed not effective against applicants' above claims under 37 CFR 1.131 and 715 of the MPEP. This is because applicants have submitted herewith a